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After a long summer vacation, with full spirit and zeal, brothers started returning to their home, ETC. Third year students reached on 27th July 2021. Later on 5th July, brothers of first, second, and fourth year batches arrived safely and undergone personal quarantine for one week.

CELEBRATION OF RAZA

We, the members of the family of St. Ephrem, celebrated the most solemn Qurbana, Raza, on 18th July 2021. The Raza was presided over by Rev. Fr. George Mangalapilly who through his beautiful voice brought real feeling of God's presence amidst us. Dn. Varghese Koonammavu delivered a thought provoking and insightful homily.



INAUGURATION OF THE FORMATION YEAR

Seeking God's blessings, the formation year 2021-2022 was inaugurated by his Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Chairman for the Synodal commission for St. Ephrem's on 19th July 2021. In his address, he stressed the importance of mission formation. He thanked the former resident formators Rev. Fr. John Kondooparambil, Rev. Fr. Joseph Parayil and Rev. Fr. Mathew Peedikayil who rendered their service in various fields. Bishop had taken this opportunity to welcome three new staff members. He had announced Rev. Fr. Mathew Kazhuthadiyal as the Vice Rector of ETC. Rev. Fr. Alex Kollamkalam presented the *Lectio Brevis*. Bro. Albert Valiyaveetil spoke on the relevance of the day as well. Later Rev. Fr. Cyriac Puliampallil, the Dean of Studies, presented a tentative plan of the academic year in which he brought many new programmes, seminars etc.



INITIATION PROGRAMME FOR FIRST YEARS

Promising support and love to our new Benjamins, initiation programme of first year theology batch was conducted on 25th July. There are thirteen brothers from various eparchies like Adilabad, Changanacherry, Jagadapur, Rajkot, Sagar, Thalassery, Ujjain and from Vincentian Congregation. The programme was a means for new Benjamins to open up themselves to show their talents. The programme lasted almost for one and half hours consisted on various games.



APPOINTMENT OF NEW PREFECTS

As part of the smooth running of the new formation year, new prefects were appointed. Br. Devasia Velikalathil was appointed as the General Prefect of the seminary. Dn. Thomas Brahmakulam, Br. James Durgam and Br. Joseph Palakkal are appointed as the prefects of fourth years, second years and first years respectively.



FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSA



We, the members of St. Ephrem family, celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa with joy and enthusiasm on 28th July. The festal mood began on the previous day with solemn Ramsa. Rev. Fr. Jose Chakkungal presided over the solemn Eucharistic celebration and preached a heart touching homily, asking us to follow Jesus with full heart leaving away the pleasures of life. After the Holy Qurbana, we had the house blessing.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

All the members of the St. Ephrem community celebrated the birthday of Rev. Fr. George Mangalapilly on 29th July. We prayed for him in the Holy Qurbana. Later he was greeted by the entire community in a short gathering held during breakfast.



APPOINTMENTS



Rev. Fr. Mathew Kazhuthadiyil
Eparchy of Mananthawady
Vice Rector



Rev. Fr. Jose Chakkungal
Eparchy of Ujjain
Procurator



Rev. Fr. Sebastian Vellutheduthukattil
Vincentian Congregation
Spiritual Father

CHOIR SELECTION



BENJAMINS OF THE YEAR



Bro. Sam
Changanacherry



Bro. Aneesh
Adilabad



Bro. Antony
Ujjain



Bro. Cyril
Thalassery



Bro. Nevin
Sagar



Bro. Ribin
Thalassery



Bro. Roshin
Jagadapur



Bro. Vimal
Jagadapur



Bro. Sabin
Changanacherry



Bro. Jubin
Adilabad



Bro. Antony
Rajkot



Bro. Albin
VC



Bro. Albin
VC